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Just one year ago today THE OUTCROP closed down for one week, and it was doubtful whether or not this paper would ever crop out again as we had reached a financial crisis, but after one issue had been missed we were enabled to see that by coming to Wilmer it would be possible to keep the sheriff off. Since then we have gained considerable ground, both in subscribers and advertisers, but even yet our paystreak is small, yet faith in the country inspires us, and as only two men in the whole district have sent out for their job printing we believe our efforts are appreciated and will continue the struggle, believing that the time is not far distant when this district will prosper and our bank account will reach the \$100 mark.

Today the British Columbia Legislature opens for business and the session promises to be most interesting. At this distance and at this writing it is impossible to have any idea of provincial politics. One of the most peculiar features about politics in British Columbia is that the individual citizen, as well as the press, while loudly and insistently demanding good government, are unwilling to allow the continued existence of any government at all. This may fairly be said to be the attitude of the people toward their administrations, and the thoughtful individual is bewildered when he hears that an election is inevitable. He figures just now that the Conservative party is divided between Messrs. Prior and Wilson and the Liberal party between Messrs. Martin and Smith, which leaves the Labor party and the independent voters an opportunity to run either of the two first mentioned parties. However, all any sane man can do is to live one day at a time so far as our provincial politics are concerned—for who can say what a day will bring forth. There is, however, a marked notice during the past year or so to down the tendency of running to froth and effervescence over every move of our politicians which previously was so prevalent. Experience has done much for British Columbia and men who allowed their votes to go unheeded are now very anxious to seriously discuss provincial politics.

When R. S. Gallop was at the Victoria attending the mining convention he very aptly took the opportunity of drawing the attention of many of the coast sporting men to the wanton killing of elk and moose in this vicinity by the Indians, and has succeeded in stirring up a good deal of discussion among sporting men throughout the province and now quite a number of newspapers are taking an interest in the subject, and some lasting good may come of Mr. Gallop's efforts. Speaking of this subject the Victoria Colonist says:

"The attention of the Attorney-General's department has been directed to the wanton destruction of moose and other big game in at present remote portions of the province, and it is understood that effective measures will be introduced to put a check on such wholesale destruction. Under the game laws, Indians and free miners have special privileges and exemptions, and can slay game in the close seasons when doing so for purposes of food, and not for sale. These privileges are being abused, especially by the Indians, and the authorities are determined to devise such measures as will best conserve to the province such a valuable asset as its herds of game. New Brunswick has reaped both a large direct and indirect revenue from its big game, and it is felt that the big game of British Columbia will prove a great factor in attracting touring hunters from many quarters of the globe, if care is taken to restrict the killing to such limits as will not interfere with the propagation and preservation of the various species."

This subject has been discussed at length in these columns at different times, so that it is scarcely necessary to repeat the arguments now, but it will be a source of interest to all who have this district's best interests at heart to see effective measures passed and enforced that will put a stop to the slaughter of game by the Indians every year. Recent reports are to the effect that the Indians have been

successful in destroying great numbers of deer, goat, elk and moose.

A few days ago Mr. Gallop informed this paper that he intended making a test case out of the first Indian he could get direct evidence against, in order to discovery the worth of existing laws in this direction, and it is hoped he will do so. However, a law should be passed protecting elk, moose and goat entirely for a number of years throughout the entire district of North East Kootenay.

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1001-1005.



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## Mining Association Meeting.

A meeting of the Windermere District Branch of the Provincial Mining Association will be held in Wilmer on Wednesday evening next, April 8th, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the delegates who went to Victoria and for final organization.

## Ore Samples Wanted.

THE OUTCROP has received a letter from Angus K. Stuart, who has been appointed collector of exhibits for St. Louis Exhibition by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, requesting us to assist him in getting samples of ore from the Windermere District to be shown at the St. Louis World's Fair next year. As this is an opportunity of advertising our mineral resources which should not be missed THE OUTCROP is most willing to assist Mr. Stuart and anyone who cares to bring or send samples to this office may depend that they will be forwarded to Ottawa.

However, any person may send specimens free by applying to the secretary of the Windermere District branch of the Provincial Mining Association, from whom other information may be obtained.

At the next meeting of the Association this subject doubtless will be discussed, and too much stress on its importance cannot be made. Some special effort should be made to bring this district into prominence at this Fair.

## Another Chance to Advt.

Here is a chance for the Windermere district to get some good meritorious advertising, but in order to do so we must get real busy and work hard for it. The American Institute of Mining Engineers will visit British Columbia in July and as it is comprised of the men most needed here it is worth while spending time and money in an effort to bring them up the valley. It may not be possible to bring them all here, but at least a few may be induced to come. Here is a chance for the Board of Trade or Mining Association members, or both, to distinguish themselves.

## Coal Strike Settled.

Latest reports received here states that the strike at Crow's Nest Pass coal mines has been finally settled. This news was brought here by late arrivals from Golden and is said to be authentic. The most unusual actions of the Morrissey and Coal Creek miners unions in refusing to ratify the settlement made by their executive committee has been cause for severe comment throughout the entire province. But it is now reported that the Fernie union has shown better judgment and approved of the settlement arranged by the executive with a big majority, and that the other unions are falling in line.

This being the case it will stimulate mining operations throughout Kootenay as one of the points agreed to is that settlement is binding for two years, subject to a two-months' notice the Mining Association. The committee from the Association deserve much credit for their successful work in this undertaking.

The real test of a mineral country is its output of ore and the continuous development of its claims. The Windermere district will bear inspection from both of these points, and mining men are beginning to realize it.

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